

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Thomas L. Strickland, of Colorado, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior.

USAID IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Development and Foreign Assistance, Economic Affairs and International Environmental Protection concluded a hearing to examine United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in the 21st Century, after receiving testimony from Andrew Natsios, The Walsh School of Foreign Service, and Carol Lancaster, Mortara Center for International Studies, both of Georgetown University, and Steven Radelet, Center for Global Development, all of Washington, DC.

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Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following items:

H.R. 35, to amend chapter 22 of title 44, U.S. Code, popularly known as the Presidential Records Act, to establish procedures for the consideration of claims of constitutionally based privilege against disclosure of Presidential records, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 615, to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction;

S. 507, to provide for retirement equity for Federal employees in nonforeign areas outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, with an amendment;

S. 713, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to quickly and fairly address the abundance of surplus manufactures housing units stored by the Federal Government around the country at taxpayer expense, with an amendment;

S. 574, to enhance citizen access to Government information and services by establishing that Government documents issued to the public must be written clearly, with an amendment;

S. Res. 87, expressing the sense of the Senate that public servants should be commended for their dedi-

cation and continued service to the Nation during Public Service Recognition Week, May 4 through 10, 2009; and

The nominations of Jane Holl Lute, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, and John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of David F. Hamilton, of Indiana, to be U.S. Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, who was introduced by Senators Lugar and Bayh, Ronald H. Weich, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, who was introduced by Senator Reid, and R. Gil Kerlikowske, of Washington, to be Director of National Drug Control Policy, Executive Office of the President, who was introduced by Senators Cantwell and Murray, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Snowe, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Karen Gordon Mills, of Maine, to be Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of W. Scott Gould, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, who was introduced by Senator Reed, and Ladda Tammy Duckworth, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, who was introduced by Senator Durbin, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.